

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION FOR :
ADMISSION TO PRACTICE IN THIS COURT :

PETITION

I, Sophia Lin Lakin, hereby petition the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania to admit me to practice before that Court. In support of my petition, I state as follows:

My office address is: American Civil Liberties Union Foundation, Inc.
125 Broad Street, 18th Floor
New York, NY 10004

Office Telephone: 212-549-7836

I was admitted to practice before the Courts listed below on the date shown after the name of each Court, and I am currently a member in good standing of all those Courts.

New York State Court (Nov. 18, 2013), U.S. Sup. Ct. (Jun. 12, 2017), 4th Cir. (Apr. 28, 2016), 5th Cir. (May 22, 2017), 6th Cir. (Apr. 6, 2017), 7th Cir. (July 13, 2018), 8th Cir. (Nov. 4, 2016), 10th Cir. (May 4, 2016), 11th Cir. (May 17, 2017), E.D. Wis. (May 11, 2015)

My attorney Identification number is: NY 5182076

FOR COURT USE ONLY

 GENERAL ADMISSION:

GRANTED BY THE COURT: _____ Date: _____

 SPECIAL ADMISSION:

GRANTED BY THE COURT _____ Date: _____

Please Answer the Following Questions:

All occasions, if any, on which I have been convicted of a crime (subsequent to my becoming an attorney), censured, suspended, disciplined or disbarred by any court are set forth as follows: (State the facts and circumstances connected with each; if none, state "none".)

none.

All occasions, if any, on which I have been held in contempt of court are set forth as follows: (State the nature and final disposition of contempt; if none, state "none".)

I do _____, do not X, have any disciplinary action, contempt or other proceedings involving me pending before any court. (Check the appropriate space.) If there are pending proceedings, please explain: _____

I am seeking:

_____ General Admission under Local Rule LR 83.8.1

X Special Admission (specify by a check which rule) under

LR 83.8.2.1 X, LR 83.8.2.2 _____, LR 83.8.2.3 _____, or LR 83.8.2.4 _____

If seeking special admission under Local Rules LR 83.8.2.1, LR 83.8.2.2, LR 83.8.2.3, or LR 83.8.2.4, the basis for my admission under the designated rule is as follows:

Motion for admission pro hac vice

NAME THE PARTY YOU REPRESENT: NAACP-PSC, Black Political Empowerment Project, Common Cause Pennsylvania, League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania, & 8 individual voters.

If special admission is requested for a particular case, please list case number and caption:

Case # 4:20-cv-02078-MWB

Caption # Donald J. Trump for President, Inc., et al., v. Boockvar, et al.


I understand that:

- 1) If seeking admission under Section LR 83.8.2.2, LR 83.8.2.3, or 83.8.2.4, I must submit a letter from a superior stating the agency with which I am employed and the duties performed which qualify me for admission under those sections.
- 2) If petitioning for admission, only in a particular case, under Rule LR 83.8.2.1, I need no sponsor's certificate. Any attorney specially admitted under LR 83.8.2.1, shall, in each proceeding in which he or she appears, have associate counsel who is generally admitted under Local Rule 83.8.1 to practice in this court, whose appearance shall also be entered of record and upon whom all pleadings, motions, notices, and other papers may be served in accordance with any statute or applicable rule. The attendance of any such associate counsel upon the hearing of any motion or the taking of any testimony shall be sufficient appearance for the party or parties represented by such associate counsel. Either the specially admitted attorney or associate counsel must be fully prepared to participate in any hearings, arguments, conferences and trials. (See LR 83.9)

If special admission is requested for a particular case, please list the name, address, telephone number and bar identification number of associate counsel to be entered of record in the case:

Witold J. Walczak, American Civil Liberties Union of Pennsylvania,
P.O. Box 23058, Pittsburgh, PA 15222
Tel.: (412) 681-7736
vwalczak@aclupa.org

- 3) If seeking general admission under Rule LR 83.8.1, I must be a member of the bar of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania and have a sponsor who is a member in good standing of the Bar of this Court present to move for my admission and I must submit the sponsor's certificate with my petition.



PETITIONER

NY 5182076

(Bar Identification Number and State where admitted)
11/12/2020

(Date)

By signing this petition for admission, I acknowledge that I have read the attached Middle District of Pennsylvania Code of Professional Conduct and agree to subscribe to the standards set forth in the Code.

NAME OF PETITIONER Sophia Lin Lakin

SPONSOR'S CERTIFICATE:

I, Witold J. Walczak, am a member in good standing of the Bar of the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, having been admitted to practice on (month) December (day)____, (year)1991. I have known the above petitioner for approximately two years. To my knowledge, the petitioner's moral character is as follows:

Ms. Lakin is an excellent attorney of sound moral character.

To my knowledge, the petitioner's educational background and experience are as follows:

Ms. Lakin is the Deputy Director of the American Civil Liberties Union Voting Rights Project where she manages a team of attorneys in litigating voting rights cases nationwide. Before joining the ACLU, Ms. Lakin clerked for the Honorable Raymond J. Lohier, Jr. of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and the Honorable Carol Bagley Amon of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York. She graduated from Stanford Law School.

I sponsor and recommend Sophia Lin Lakin

for admission as a qualified attorney to practice before this court.

	<u>Witold J. Walczak</u>
	<u>(sponsor)</u>
Office address:	<u>247 Ft. Pitt Blvd.</u>
	<u>Pittsburgh, PA 15222</u>
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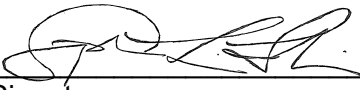
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CODE OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT**

As a member of the Bar of the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, I will strive for the following professional ideal:

1. The rule of law will govern my entire conduct. I will not violate the law or place myself above the law.
2. I will treat with civility and respect the lawyers, clients, opposing parties, the court and all the officials with whom I work. Professional courtesy is compatible with vigorous advocacy and zealous representation. Even though antagonism may be expected by my client, it is not part of my duty to my client.
3. I will respect other lawyers' schedules as my own, and will seek agreement on meetings, depositions, hearings, and trial dates. A reasonable request for a scheduling accommodation should never be unreasonably refused.
4. Communications are life lines. I will keep the lines open. Telephone calls and correspondence are a two-way channel; I will respond to them promptly.
5. I will be punctual in appointments, communications and in honoring scheduled appearances. Neglect and tardiness are demeaning to others and to the judicial system.
6. I will earnestly attempt to resolve differences through negotiation, expeditiously and without needless expense.
7. Procedural rules are necessary to judicial order and decorum. I will be mindful that pleadings, discovery processes and motions cost time and money. I will not use them heedlessly. If an adversary is entitled to something, I will provide it without unnecessary formalities.
8. I will not engage in conduct that brings disorder or disruption to the courtroom. I will advise my client and witnesses appearing in court of the proper conduct expected and required there and, to the best of my ability, prevent my client and witnesses from creating disorder or disruption.
9. Before dates for hearings or trials are set, or if that is not feasible immediately after such date has been set, I will attempt to verify the availability of necessary participants and witnesses so I can promptly notify the court of any likely problems.

I agree to subscribe to the above
Code of Professional Conduct:



Signature

**Appellate Division of the Supreme Court
of the State of New York
First Judicial Department**

I, Susanna Rojas, Clerk of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, First Judicial Department, certify that

Sophia Lin Lakin

was duly licensed and admitted to practice as an Attorney and Counsellor at Law in all the courts of the State of New York on November 18, 2013, has duly taken and subscribed the oath of office prescribed by law, has been enrolled in the Roll of Attorneys and Counsellors at Law on file in my office, has duly registered with the administrative office of the courts, and according to the records of this court is in good standing as an attorney and counsellor at law.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my
hand and affixed the seal of this court on
July 24, 2020



Clerk of the Court

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on November 12, 2020, I caused the foregoing
Petition for Special Admission to be filed with the United States District Court
for the Middle District of Pennsylvania via the Court's CM/ECF system, which
will provide electronic notice to all counsel and parties of record.

/s/ Sophia Lin Lakin
Sophia Lin Lakin